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SUPPORTING DETAILS: UNCOMMON OR RARE SPECIES AND/OR SPECIES IN HIGH NUMBERS

ACCEPTED 7-0
NOT CIRCULATED

CBC name _____ CBC date _____ Compiler _____ Species is not currently on the _____
Observer writing this account and date Thomas E. Van Zandt Colorado RC review list _____

SPECIES Hepatic Tanager NUMBER, AGE, SEX 1 adult ♂

Distance from bird(s) 15-50' Relative size of bird ~ Western Tanager

HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.)
Head, except check, uniform bright red. Check red washed with gray.

EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.) See above.

UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES Dark gray

LEGS & FEET Not noted

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.)
Nape, rump, and upper tail coverts uniform bright red. Back red washed with gray.

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.)
Throat, belly, sides uniform red. Flanks red washed with gray.

RECTRICES (Describe inner, middle, outer tail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.)
Tail red washed with gray.

WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading and trailing edges, etc.) Wings red washed with gray. No bars.

VOCALIZATION Call a long chip. Song consisted of several two-note phrases. First phrase usually "chuk-wit". Most phrases with second note higher.

BEHAVIOR Sang about every 30 s from Ponderosa Pine. Once set in Juniper ~ 15' away for ~ 10 s.

Date of observation 94/8/15 Time 0600-0630 Weather Calm, 50' F Sky cover Clear

Duration of observation 30 min Bird - Sun orientation Sunrise 0547 MDT. Bird seen at all angles from sun, mostly with sun behind

Exact location S edge of Mesa de Maya, Pine Canyon 2.5 mi. SSW of T345 on border between R55W and R56W. Observers _____

Habitat Top of Mesa de Maya. Other observers (in order) George Coffee, Fran Enright, Dana Clark, Audrey Benedict
Center of Mesa is grass. At the Optical equipment Zeiss 8x30

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS Top of the escarpment (500') on the Mesa top is a fringe of Juniper, Pinyon, and Gambel's Oak, with a few Ponderosa on the very edge. The Tanager was seen almost exclusively in the Ponderosa.

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